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The Honorable Carl Hayden, Chairman
Appropriations Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

I note with sadness that you intend to retire from the Senate. You will be sorely missed.

I want to take this occasion to thank you for the constructive assistance and many kindnesses you have accorded this Agency and its Directors over the years. Without your continuing support, this fledgling organization would hardly have succeeded in finding its way and its place in the society of our country. When we have been under attack, you have courageously stood by us and defended us. This we will never forget.

As you go into retirement, we wish you the pleasure and leisure which you have so richly earned in a life of distinguished service to the United States of America. May you remain in good health.

I would like to express my thanks to you, Senator Hayden, for your help and support of me personally.

Respectfully,

Richard Helms

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Director